

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious typographic error.

In claim 1, line 6, "bank" has been changed to - - band - -.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 2, 5-9 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed since the prior art of record fails to suggest, or make obvious, the claim combination of elements required of the apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel, where the combination of elements at least require a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object, the housing for holding a worm screw fixed to one end portion of the band, and the rotation restraining mechanism which restrains rotation of the housing caused by a tightening torque of the worm screw, the rotation restraining mechanism including at least one housing extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the band, and the at least one housing extended portion comprises a plate with a cutout portion therein, the cutout portion is formed by cutting a portion of the plate and folding the portion over the band.

Claim 7 is allowed since the prior art of record fails to suggest, or make obvious, the claim combination of elements required of the apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel, where the combination of elements at least require a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object; a housing for holding a worm screw fixed to one end portion of the band; and a rotation restraining mechanism which restrains

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rotation of the housing caused by a tightening torque of the worm screw, the rotation restraining mechanism including at least one band extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the band, the at least one band extended portion comprises a portion of the band that extends outwards from the band in the width direction, and further wherein the at least one band extended portion is integrally formed with the band of a same material as the band.

Claim 8 is allowed since the prior art of record fails to suggest, or make obvious, the claim combination of elements required of the apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel, where the combination of elements at least require a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object; a housing for holding a worm screw fixed to one end portion of the band; and a rotation restraining mechanism which restrains rotation of the housing caused by a tightening torque of the worm screw, the rotation restraining mechanism including at least one extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the band, the at least one extended portion includes a portion extending outwards from the housing in a widthwise direction of the band, and further wherein the widthwise direction extending portion is installed onto the housing.

Claim 6 is allowed for reasons stated in the prior Office action mailed 12/30/2009.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Sandy whose telephone number is 571-272-7073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

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